

REMARKS

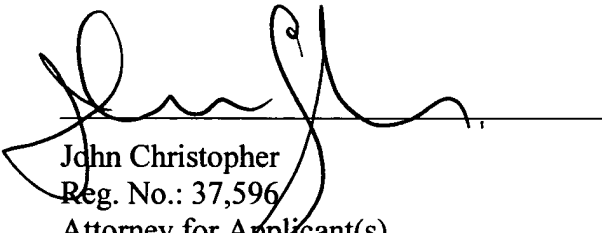
This amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicant's "Appeal Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.192" in order to further clarify the pending issues on appeal. This amendment cancels Claim 7, therefore leaving Claims 5, 6 and 8, as the only remaining claims subject to appeal.

For all of the reasons presented in Appellant's Appeal Brief, the claim objections are believed to have been overcome, placing Claims 5, 6 and 8 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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